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**SVERDLOVSK MACHINE-BUILDING PLANTS ACCELERATE PRODUCTION**

NEW MACHINES PRODUCED -- Pravda, No 38, 7 Feb 49

The Sverdlovsk and Sverdlovsk Oblast machine-building industry produced many new machines and other products during 1948. The Uralmashzavod (Ural Machine-Building Plant) increased production of large excavators 200 percent and introduced new highly productive machines for the mining, metallurgical, and cement industries. Nizhne-Tagil railroad car builders put into mass production large-capacity freight cars.

The agricultural machine-building plant produced tractor-drawn tree-planting machines, five-bladed tractor plows, and other agricultural mechanical equipment. The electric industry plant brought out new improved high-speed hydrogenerators, high-frequency generators, and new electric welding equipment.

URALMASHZAVOD BEATS PLAN -- Pravda, No 32, 1 Feb 49

The Uralmashzavod (Ural Machine-Building Plant) imeni Ordzhonikidze completed its 1948 program ahead of schedule. It exceeded its production plan for machinery, increasing output 54.7 percent over 1947, and 220 percent over 1940. Planned output of metallurgical equipment was achieved. Net costs were lowered 19 percent and 23.3 million rubles were saved above plan.

The turnover of working capital was accelerated. In 1940, each ruble of working capital resulted in one ruble 17 kopeks' worth of production, but in 1948 this was raised to 2 rubles 29 kopeks. One complete turnover of working capital amounted to 307 days in 1940, but only 157 days in 1948.

As a result of the standardization of a number of parts and units of pipe-rolling mills, the plant was able to produce simultaneously complete units and parts for these machines. Mechanical casting methods brought economy in the production of center-pillar track plates, excavator scoops, etc.

There are some serious production difficulties. Uralmashzavod is to receive bearings from the Sverdlovsk Bearing Plant, but the latter's production has not as yet been organized. As a result, Uralmashzavod must obtain bearings

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from Moscow, sometimes flying them in by plane. Large beams and girders from the Kuznetak Metallurgical Combine arrive at infrequent intervals, slowing down the turnover of working capital at Uralmashzavod. N. Chumizhev is the director of Uralmashzavod.

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